

**DEPARTMENT
POLICY****FIP, RCA and SDA**

The Family Independence Program (FIP), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) are cash assistance programs designed to help individuals and families become self-sufficient.

When an individual applies for cash assistance, Bridges determines group composition and builds an eligibility determination group (EDG) for these programs in the following order: FIP, RCA and SDA. Cash assistance is available to eligibility determination groups who meet all of the non-financial and financial requirements that are needed to determine eligibility and calculate benefit amounts.

**FIP GROUP
COMPOSITION**

In order to evaluate FIP eligibility, a FIP EDG must exist, based on the rules in BEM 210, FIP Group Composition.

**FIP NON-FINANCIAL
ELIGIBILITY
FACTORS**

Non-financial eligibility factors in the following Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) items must be met:

- 201, Minor Parents
- 202, Immunizations
- 203, Criminal Justice Disqualifications
- 220, Residence
- 221, Identity
- 222, Concurrent Receipt of Benefits
- 223, Social Security Numbers
- 225, Citizenship/Alien Status **or** 225A Special Immigration Status

- 227, Strikers
- 228, Family Automated Screening Tool and Family Self-Sufficiency Plan
- 229, Orientation
- 230A, Employment and/or Self-Sufficiency-related Activities
- 233A, Failure to Meet Employment and/or Self-Sufficiency-Related Requirements
- 234, FIP Time Limits
- 240, Age
- 245, School Attendance and Student Status
- 255, Child Support
- 256, Spousal/Parental Support
- 257, Third Party Resource Liability
- 265, Institutional Status
- 270, Pursuit of Benefits

**FIP FINANCIAL
ELIGIBILITY
FACTORS**

Financial eligibility factors in the following BEM items must be met:

- 400, Assets
- 500, Income Overview
- 501, Income From Employment
- 502, Income From Self-Employment
- 503, Income, Unearned
- 504, Income From Rental/Room and Board
- 505, Prospective Budgeting/Income Change Processing
- 515, FIP/RCA/SDA Needs Budgeting
- 518, FIP/RCA/SDA Income Budgeting
- 520, Computing the FIP/RCA/SDA Budget

**RCA GROUP
COMPOSITION**

In order to evaluate RCA eligibility, a RCA EDG must exist, based on the rules in BEM 215, RCA Group Composition.

**RCA NON-
FINANCIAL
ELIGIBILITY
FACTORS**

Non-financial eligibility factors in the following items must be met.

- 203, Criminal Justice Disqualifications
- 220, Residence
- 221, Identity
- 222, Concurrent Receipt of Benefits
- 223, Social Security Numbers
- 225, Citizenship/Alien Status **or** 225A Special Immigration Status
- 228, Family Automated Screening Tool and Family Self-Sufficiency Plan
- 229, Orientation
- 230A, Employment and/or Self-Sufficiency-related Activities
- 240, Age
- 245, School Attendance and Student Status
- 256, Spousal/Parental Support
- 265, Institutional Status
- 270, Pursuit of Benefits
- 630, Refugee Assistance Program

**RCA FINANCIAL
ELIGIBILITY
FACTORS**

Financial eligibility factors in the following items must be met:

- 400, Assets
- 500, Income Overview
- 501, Income From Employment
- 502, Income From Self-Employment
- 503, Income, Unearned
- 504, Income From Rental/Room and Board
- 505, Prospective Budgeting/Income Change Processing
- 515, FIP/RCA/SDA Needs Budgeting
- 518, FIP/RCA/SDA Income Budgeting
- 520, Computing the FIP/RCA/SDA Budget

**SDA GROUP
COMPOSITION**

In order to evaluate SDA eligibility, an SDA EDG must exist, based on the rules in BEM 214, SDA/AMP Group Composition.

**SDA NON-
FINANCIAL
ELIGIBILITY
FACTORS**

Non-financial eligibility factors in the following items must be met:

- 203, Criminal Justice Disqualifications
- 220, Residence
- 221, Identity
- 222, Concurrent Receipt of Benefits
- 223, Social Security Numbers
- 225, Citizenship/Alien Status **or** 225A Special Immigration Status
- 240, Age
- 256, Spousal/Parental Support
- 261, Disability - SDA
- 265, Institutional Status
- 270, Pursuit of Benefits
- 271, SSI Referral, Application, Denial and Appeal
- 272, SDA Repay Agreements

**SDA FINANCIAL
ELIGIBILITY
FACTORS**

Financial eligibility factors in the following items must be met:

- 400, Assets
- 500, Income Overview
- 501, Income From Employment
- 502, Income From Self-Employment
- 503, Income, Unearned
- 504, Income From Rental/Room and Board
- 505, Prospective Budgeting/Income Change Processing
- 515, FIP/RCA/SDA Needs Budgeting
- 518, FIP/RCA/SDA Income Budgeting
- 520, Computing the FIP/RCA/SDA Budget

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